



February 21, 2008

## Interstate 17 Construction Update

### Lane, Ramp Restrictions Continue this Week for Interchange Work

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#### ***Upcoming Restrictions***

As part of the ongoing improvement projects on I-17, continued restrictions are scheduled on I-17 and on Carefree Highway.

Construction of the new interchanges is proceeding on schedule. The interchange at Dixileta Drive is nearly complete and is scheduled to open to traffic March 1. The interchange at Jomax Road is nearly complete and will open in a few months. The new northbound off-ramp and southbound on-ramp at Carefree Highway are scheduled to open to traffic by mid-March.

All I-17 improvement projects from Loop 101 to Carefree Highway are scheduled for completion in 2009. Once improvements are underway to Carefree Highway, construction will begin on freeway widening north to Anthem Way.

These projects are some of the first elements of the Regional Transportation Plan for Maricopa County and are funded through a voter-approved sales tax to improve and construct new roads throughout the Valley during the next 20 years. More information on the Regional Transportation Plan is available at [www.azdot.gov/ValleyFreeways](http://www.azdot.gov/ValleyFreeways).

Here's an overview of scheduled restrictions on Interstate 17:

#### **Interstate 17 at Carefree Highway (State Route 74)**

Traffic exiting I-17 northbound and entering I-17 southbound at Carefree Highway is being temporarily detoured onto the

new interchange loop ramps at Carefree Highway until mid-March while the new diamond interchange ramps are constructed. [View detour map.](#)

Tuesday, Feb. 26 – Friday, Feb. 29

9 p.m. – 5 a.m.

I-17 will be restricted to one lane in each direction at Carefree Highway during overnight hours from Tuesday night until the morning of Friday, Feb. 29 for work on the Carefree Highway interchange.

#### Interstate 17 from Dixileta Drive to Jomax Road

Thursday, Feb. 21 – Saturday, Feb. 23

9 p.m. – 5 a.m.

I-17 will be restricted to one lane in each direction during overnight hours from Thursday night until Saturday morning for work on the Jomax Road and Dixileta Drive interchanges.

Thursday, Feb. 28 – Saturday, Mar. 1

9 p.m. – 5 a.m.

I-17 will be restricted to one lane in each direction at Dixileta Drive during overnight hours from the night of Thursday, Feb. 28 night until the morning of Saturday, Mar. 1 for work to open the Dixileta Drive interchange to traffic.

#### Interstate 17 from Deer Valley Road to Happy Valley Road

The I-17 frontage roads will be restricted to one lane northbound from Deer Valley to Happy Valley roads and one lane southbound from Pinnacle Peak to Deer Valley roads for construction of the new frontage roads and I-17 widening project. This restriction will be in place through early summer.

#### Carefree Highway from I-17 to North Valley Parkway

Carefree Highway, just east of I-17, will be restricted to one lane westbound through early 2008 for work related to the reconstruction of the Carefree Highway interchange

*Drivers should anticipate minor delays and allow extra time, or adjust travel schedules to avoid closures and restrictions. ADOT appreciates your patience as we construct these improvements on I-17.*

While ADOT strives to inform the public about planned freeway restrictions, during any complex construction project, there is a possibility that unscheduled closures or restrictions may occur. Please visit our [Web site](#) for the most current information about planned I-17 restrictions.

An audio podcast outlining this week's I-17 Traffic Alert can be downloaded from the [ADOT Web site](#).

- For general information about I-17 improvements, contact the I-17 project hotline at 480.890.3055 or [projectupdate@lewin-associates.com](mailto:projectupdate@lewin-associates.com).
- For information on construction activities, contact Brock Barnhart at 602.712.8147 or [bbarnhart@azdot.gov](mailto:bbarnhart@azdot.gov).
- For traffic updates across Arizona, visit ADOT's Travel Information Site at [www.az511.com](http://www.az511.com) or call 5-1-1.

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